

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Maury Audet for the express indication of allowable subject matter (as further discussed below).

The instant amendment places the application in immediate form for allowance, without requiring further search or consideration by the examiner. Accordingly, the amendment is properly submitted—and properly entered—after final rejection.

Claims 29-34 are pending and—according to the final Office Action—allowed.

Claims 22-28, 35, and 36 are canceled.

Claim 29 is rewritten as an independent claim. More precisely, claim 29 incorporates claim 22, except for the "conservatively substituted variant" subject matter, withdrawn from consideration pursuant to restriction.

Claims 22-36 were objected to because the claims allegedly were not commensurate with the scope of the elected invention. By cancelling the "conservatively substituted variant" subject matter from the claims, the objection is overcome. Withdrawal of the objection appears to be in order.

Claim 36 was further objected under 37 CFR §1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 29. The objection is overcome by cancelling claim 36, hereby. Withdrawal of the objection appears to be in order.

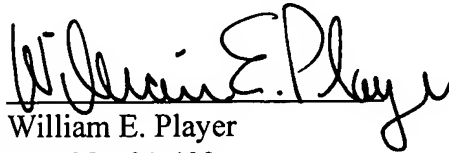
Claims 22-28 were rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking enablement. Claim 35 was rejected under 35 USC §101 for being an improper process claim, and further rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for failing to point out and distinctly claim

the subject matter. The rejections under §112, ¶1, and §101 are rendered moot by cancellation of the rejected claims, hereby. Withdrawal of the rejections appears to be in order.

Pending claims 29-34 having been allowed, and there being no unresolved issues of record remaining, the subject application is in immediate form for allowance.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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